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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs showing current revisions is attached.

The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 26:

With the above honeycomb sandwich panel, the honeycomb core is not breathable but the front or rear surface layer or both are porous and breathable. Therefore, when the panel is used in a vacuum, the air in the cells goes out through the front and rear surface layers. Thus, since no difference in pressure is made between the inside and the outside